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1. Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger (ALTEN) was set up in 1997. It has set up offices in all eight regions of Niger. ALTEN carries out actions in partnership with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and is involved in organizing and consolidating the framework of NGOs working for the interests of children in Niger.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Association are the promotion of children's rights; the fight against child labour and child trafficking; and the fight against child slavery.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ALTEN took part in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls), held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011, ALTEN implemented a project to combat child slavery in cooperation with the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. In 2013, ALTEN also carried out actions to combat child domestic labour in conjunction with the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ALTEN has contributed to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 1 and 2 by:

- Organizing a meeting of the various actors combating trafficking in persons in 2011, which involved unions, police, *gendarmerie* and associations working with human trafficking;
- Raising public awareness about the fight against child labour;
- Providing education and vocational training to children;
- Lobbying the authorities about the fight against trafficking in persons; and
- Coaching students about children's rights and the fight against child labour.

2. Center for Oceans Law and Policy

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Center for Oceans Law and Policy (COLP), University of Virginia School of Law, United States of America, supports research, education and discussion on legal and public policy issues relating to the oceans.

Aims and purposes of the organization

COLP sponsors regular programmes of annual conferences, publications and lectures. The Center provides archives of ocean documents, including one of the world's largest collections of law of the sea materials. The Center also founded and sponsors the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

COLP has published a six volume set of Commentaries on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that are regularly cited by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and scholars as authoritative history on the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Center has published international and United States documents on Oceans Law and Policy, a five-volume collection of major documents relating to oceans law and policy, and contributes to the publication of the Marine Affairs Bibliography.

The annual Conference of the Center for Oceans Law and Policy provides a unique opportunity for leading scholars and policy makers to meet and exchange ideas on important concerns in the oceans community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

COLP has regularly attended the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea meetings in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

COLP has co-sponsored meetings at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). It has also co-hosted meetings with the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

COLP has supported initiatives on the MDGs by holding an annual meeting on environmental and security issues relating to the oceans.

3. Ethiopian World Federation

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated (EWF Inc.) is an international civic league, social welfare, heritage organization founded to protect and elevate "We, the Black peoples of the World" and preserve the integrity and sovereignty of the Divine Heritage of Ethiopia and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote love and good-will among Ethiopian/Africans at home and abroad; maintain integrity and sovereignty of Ethiopia; disseminate ancient Ethiopian culture; correct abuse; relieve oppression; carve for Ethiopians a destiny comparable with its idea of perfect manhood and God's purpose in creating humans; develop a fraternal spirit and inculcate desire to render voluntary aid and assistance to one another; and develop interest and pride in democratic institutions, principles, and ideals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization presented a paper on "Jobs, Decent Work and Inclusive Development" in April 2012. Voice of Ethiopia Newsletters publicised United Nations activities and celebrated Interfaith Harmony Week. EWF Inc. held discussions on "Land grabs" throughout Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others:

- 18th and 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), New York, 3-14 May 2010, 2-13 May 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) Intersessional Meeting, New York, 10-11 January 2011;
- Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19 IPM) and UNCSD Preparatory Committee (PrepCom II), New York, 28 February-8 March 2011;
- 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February-4 March 2011;
- Informal Interactive Hearings of the United Nations General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, New York, 14-15 June 2010; and
- 9th and 10th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 19-30 April 2010, 16-27 May 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EWF, Inc.'s local committees' activities address the issues of poverty, hunger, health, education, equality, youth, and women. The organization's "Seeds to Ethiopia" project encourages sustainable farming practices on land grant. Its rainwater harvesting tanks facilitate subsistence farming; provide clean water and water during droughts; ease the burden on women and children fetching water from far distances; and promote economic and social environmental sustainability.

4. International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

Special, 1954

Introduction

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) is a professional not-for-profit NGO. It has a network of National Committees spread over about 75 countries across Africa, the Americas, Asia, Oceania, and Europe, covering over 90% of the irrigated area of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to enhance the worldwide supply of food and fibre for all people by improving water and land management, and the productivity of irrigated and drained lands. ICID achieves its goals by pooling and sharing of knowledge on the topics related to irrigation, drainage and flood management and making it available worldwide; and addressing emerging problems and challenges and promoting suitable remedial measures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2013, ICID has started holding triennial World Irrigation Forums to support multidisciplinary discussions towards the solutions to agriculture water management. ICID works with United Nations agencies engaged in various facets of water management, for example, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN-Water, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), and UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICID Representatives attended the following meetings:

- Regional Inception Workshop on "Revitalizing Irrigation and Agricultural Water Governance in Asia" by FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, 4-5 April 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 13-22 June 2012;
- 22nd UN-Water meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, 23-25 August 2012; and
- 36th Session of the Governing Council of IFAD, Rome, Italy, 13-14 February 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICID has been contributing effectively to all United Nations bodies related to water, climate, and agriculture. ICID promoted the safe use of wastewater in agriculture in developing countries and countries in transition with UN-Water. ICID has standing Memorandum of Understandings with UNW-DPC signed in 2010 and WMO in 2013. ICID is a permanent observer to annual meetings of IFAD, WMO, which also take part in ICID meetings. ICID contributed to the development of 4th World Water Development Report.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICID has contributed to the realisation of the MDGs through its working groups on the topics of irrigation for poverty alleviation and socioeconomic transformation; the environment; irrigation development and management; climate; water use efficiency; crop-food-water; and energy nexus and capacity development, training and education.

5. World Road Association

Special, 1970

Introduction

The World Road Association (PIARC) was set up in 1909. It has 121 member countries, 527 collective members and more than 1,229 individual members from over 140 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to develop international cooperation and promote progress in: policymaking for road transport; road design, construction, planning and maintenance; the operation and management of road networks; and the transfer of technology (particularly to developing countries and countries in transition).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association has chaired 18 technical committees of high-level experts. The Association also held the XIII International Winter Road Congress in Quebec, Canada in 2010, and the XXIV World Road Congress in Mexico City, Mexico in 2011. The Association has implemented action programmes for developing countries and economies in transition, including international seminars held in those countries and the management of the HDM-4 software platform used for technical and economic studies of construction and maintenance projects involving road networks. The Association has continued its work on terminology to promote mutual understanding and the transfer of knowledge among various countries. A multilingual technical road dictionary is now available for free online (see the World Road Association website).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Some of the Association's activities are carried out in conjunction with United Nations bodies, such as the participation of the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Technical Committee on road safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Much of the work of the Association comes under the global issues of the transport sector that contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The same applies to matters such as sustainable development, improving road security, the social equity of transport system development projects and the connectivity and accessibility of rural regions. The aim is to create the conditions necessary for development, participation in the economy and access to education and health care in accordance with MDGs 1, 2, 4 and 7.

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1. Asian People's Disability Alliance

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Asian People's Disability Alliance (APDA) is a user-led organization, which is set up, managed and run by British Asian deaf and disabled people. Established in 1988, it addresses the particular needs of its user groups holistically.

Aims and purposes of the organization

APDA aims to provide needs-led and user-led culturally-appropriate services to United Kingdom's minority ethnic care service users; work in partnership with service planners and other mainstream bodies to help incorporate the particular needs of APDA's client groups in service planning and other programmes that affect their lives; act as a resource for Asian disabled people, their care takers and families.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

APDA contributed to the work of the United Nations in the following ways:

- It received a request from the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority to carry out a disability access audit of the Karachi Airport, Pakistan.
- It acts as a pro-bono advisor to a project offering care services to the elderly people in Pakistan.
- In India, APDA worked in collaboration with a local NGO in providing skills training to disabled people living in the slums of New Delhi, India, and Sri Lanka.
- It provided health and social care support to disabled people among the internally displaced refugees, with support from the Diaspora community members.
- APDA's wheelchair dancers participated and performed at the opening and closing ceremonies at the United Kingdom Paralympics and also at the United Kingdom disabled people's "Liberty Festival".
- The group known as "Muskaan" is the result of the organization's work to break the cultural chains and offer independent living and empowerment initiatives to the group of disabled women who are most disadvantaged in society.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APDA has sent several representatives to United Nations meetings, in order to make input on race and disability and also to share APDA's unique experiences and knowledge accumulated from its participation within the United Kingdom disability movement for many years. The last session attended by APDA was the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, New York, September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

APDA gives great prominence to the yearly celebrations of the United Nation's International Day of Persons with Disabilities. During the events, the organization highlights and showcases the abilities and talents of deaf and disabled people. They include talks and presentations on disability equality issues and empowerment, among other issues; and entertainment, including wheelchair dancing and other performances by APDA's in-house artistes.

2. International Planned Parenthood Federation (western hemisphere region)

Special, 2003

Introduction

International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR) is a leader in the international movement to secure sexual and reproductive health care as a human right for all. It works with 41 partner organizations in 39 countries across the Americas and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPPF aims to improve the quality of life of individuals by campaigning for sexual and reproductive health and rights through advocacy and services, especially for poor and vulnerable people.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2011 to 2014, IPPF/WHR actively contributed to the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and United Nations General Assembly by participating in meetings, advocating, and offering its technical expertise and guidance to strengthen global policy documents. IPPF/WHR has been an active member of civil society by organizing civil society coalitions at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), and through the Women's Major Group. IPPF/WHR also contributed to strong government commitments towards sexual and reproductive health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPPF/WHR is the primary actor in setting and carrying out the International Planned Parenthood Federation's (IPPF) advocacy agenda at the United Nations. IPPF/WHR plays a key role in influencing the dialogue and shaping the outcome documents in important United Nations meetings. During the reporting period, IPPF/WHR participated at CSW, CPD, General Assembly Special Sessions

(UNGASS), and other relevant high-level meetings. IPPF/WHR attended the first Regional Conference on Population and Development for Latin America and the Caribbean, Montevideo, Uruguay, 12-14 August 2013, and was in charge of organizing civil society participation at the event.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IPPF/WHR is actively involved with United Nations agencies. It regularly attends meetings of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and others, to discuss upcoming events such as CSW and CPD, exchange intelligence, and agree on joint strategies. In collaboration with other youth sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocates, IPPF/WHR arranged for a meeting with UNFPA representatives and the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth to discuss concerns regarding the language that had been included in the Global Youth Call. IPPF/WHR was also a member of the UNFPA platform for action.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IPPF/WHR played a key role in advocating for the integration of progressive language on SRHR in key United Nations reports, including the Secretary General's report to the 68th General Assembly on the outcome of the Millennium Summit, "A Life of Dignity for All: Accelerating Progress Towards the Millennium Development Goals and Advancing the United Nations Development Agenda Beyond 2015", 2013, and the Agreed Conclusions on challenges and achievements in the implementation of the MDGs for women and girls at CSW's 58th session.

3. International Trademark Association

Special, 2011

Introduction

The International Trademark Association (INTA) is the global association of trademark owners and professionals dedicated to supporting trademarks and related intellectual property in order to protect consumers and to promote fair and effective commerce. It counts 6,800 member organizations from 190 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

INTA's primary strategic direction is to advocate for the vigorous enforcement of strong laws that provide protection for trademarks so that trademark owners can market their goods and services with confidence and protect consumers from counterfeits and other unauthorized products; and customers and consumers can rely on trademarks to differentiate sources of goods and services in the marketplace.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's by-laws were amended in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The International Trademark Association supports the work of the United Nations to promote fair and effective commerce and consumer protection, mainly through cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Furthermore, the Unreal Campaign is a public awareness initiative designed to educate teenagers aged 14 to 18 about the importance of trademarks, intellectual property, and dangers of counterfeit products. The Campaign has successfully reached over 3,000 students directly since its launch in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As a permanent observer accredited to WIPO, INTA participated actively in and contributed to the work of the various WIPO committees, working groups and other bodies concerned with trademarks and related intellectual property rights, including, among many others: the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT); the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP); the Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE); and the Assemblies of WIPO and of the relevant treaties administered by WIPO.

WIPO has also provided speakers to the organization's education programmes. Since 2004, INTA has been cooperating with WIPO, the World Customs Organization (WCO), INTERPOL and the International Chamber of Commerce to convene periodically the Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy, in an effort to identify solutions to illegal trade in counterfeit and pirated goods, and facilitate their implementation. During the reporting period, the Global Congress met in Paris, France, February 2011 and in Istanbul, Turkey, April 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The International Trademark Association conducted initiatives in support of MDGs 3, 7 and 8. These include webcasts on Women and Trademark Law, Educational Sessions on Green Brands, and education and government roundtables in support of good governance and fair and effective commerce.

4. Sodalitas

Special, 2007

Introduction

SODALITAS, Association for the Development of Entrepreneurship in the Civil Society (Sodalitas) is the National Partner Organization of CSR Europe, the network promoted by the European Commission to achieve goals set by the European Union Agenda on Corporate Sustainability. It is based in Milan, Italy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Sodalitas works to promote sustainable growth and development by developing effective initiatives with leading companies and key public and private stakeholders aimed at fostering youth employability, promoting equal opportunities and diversity at workplace, fostering sustainable innovation of production and consumption, and addressing social needs.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, Sodalitas has increased its membership to over 100 companies.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Sodalitas' national programme "From School to Work" covers 15 Italian regions and has trained on average 8,000 high school students every year and effectively contributed to reduce the skill gap during the reporting period. Its programme "Italian Charter for Equal Opportunities and Diversity" has reached more than 800 signing companies. The Charter is part of the European Union framework of Diversity Charters. Sodalitas was also part of the European Commission work group involved in setting up the "III European Union Communication on Corporate Sustainability" published in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

By locally working with "Global Compact Network Italy" that Sodalitas co-founded, the organization contributes to United Nations decision-making processes on Corporate Sustainability.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Sodalitas collaborates with United Nations bodies, mainly through the United Nations Global Compact.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Sodalitas' overall activity is an effective contribution to the MDGs. In the considered period, Sodalitas has run four editions of "Sodalitas Social Award", which is the most authoritative award on corporate sustainability in Italy. Sodalitas has been daily involved in supporting Italian non-profit organizations to design and develop more effective welfare services. Sodalitas also committed to promote partnerships between business companies and non-profit organizations with the purpose of more effectively addressing social needs.

5. St. Joan's International Alliance

Special, 1971

Introduction

Saint Joan's International Alliance (the Alliance) was founded in 1911 in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by women working for equality.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Alliance works for women's equality in the state, church, and society within the United Nations. The ideals and goals of national governments and of religions are widely different. As women from a Catholic tradition, the organization sees the real, respectful equality of men and women in its spiritual teaching, church administration, civil employment policies, education, and all other aspects of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Alliance holds parallel events during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) each year that are well attended. Its speakers handle the topic of gender equality as a spiritual component in relation to poverty, peace, development, education, urbanisation and the environment. The Alliance's presentations particularly spoke about human trafficking in development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attends meetings at the United Nations headquarters regularly. Its annual attendance at CSW has been growing and it has been participating more actively during the sessions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with some local United Nations organizations in the United States of America by holding meetings locally, for example in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which reflected the current United Nations efforts worldwide. In particular its members have been working to make certain cities "Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) cities", as for example Louisville, Kentucky.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has incorporated the MDGs in the programmes it has presented during the annual CSW session.

6. Terra-1530

Special, 2011

Introduction

The non-governmental organization Terra-1530 was registered in 1999 in the Republic of Moldova with the mission to instruct and strengthen rural communities' capacities on sustainable development. It acts as an umbrella organization to 18 other organizations at the national level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's objectives are to set up an informative centre consisting of a periodical, an internet café and local television; use the newest informational technology; raise the public's capacity to take decisions on environmental issues; develop rural tourism; protect land owners' rights; and support the reform process of the local public administration.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Terra-1530 works in an economically and socially disadvantaged region, focusing mainly on the teenagers, as it considers that youth has the power to create change. Together with its partners, the organization opened a Resource Center for youth in the village Galesti, the population of which had low or almost no access to information, particularly Internet resources. Additionally, the organization has been continually publishing the independent periodical ADEVARUL (Truth) since 2000, newly published in three new languages: Romanian, Russian and English.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No activities were specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No activities were specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Terra-1530 created The Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water (MNRVCW), after 75 cases of Hepatitis A were identified in "Ion Inculet" lyceum in the village Vorniceni in 2003. Since then, MNRVCW has been making an important contribution to the achievement of the MDGs, to all of which water plays a crucial role. Terra-1530 was also involved in an initiative to plant trees on a public plot in the Vorniceni village, as part of the socio-economic development strategy of the village.

7. Women's Union of Russia

Special, 1999

Introduction

Women's Union of Russia (WUR) is the largest all-Russian public non-governmental women's organization with departments in 82 regions of Russian Federation. It includes 27 member-organizations. WUR carries out its activities in accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Strategic Plan of Actions, the National Plan of Actions on Improving Women's Status in the Russian Federation, and other State normative documents.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WUR aims to assist in raising women's status in society and their role in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the country; defend women's rights and concerns about strengthening families; participate in the process of formation of the state policy concerning women, family and children; and promote women to decision making levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WUR's website has a special page that provides links to United Nations documents, action plans, recommendations, declarations and resolutions on women's and children's issues. During the reporting period, it held many fora, roundtables and conferences, including the following: Inter-regional Forum "Government and Civil Society: Social Partnership in the Interests of Family and Children", 2011; Fifth All-Russia Forum of Mothers, 2011; International Conference "Rural Woman – Factor of Welfare and Stability of Country", 2012; Regional Conference "Women-Mothers in Contemporary Russia", 2012; Conference "Children and Adults Against Violence", 2013; International Meeting "Women for Peace, Harmony and Security", 2014; and Roundtable "Woman and Business", 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It is also an associated member of the United Nations Department of Information (DPI).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Each year, WUR celebrates International Mother's Day, International Day of Families, International Children's Day, International Day of Rural Women, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and International Day of Older Persons.